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The Seattle Police Homicide Unit and Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound need your assistance. On Saturday, June 24th, 2006, just after midnight, Seattle Police Officer Zsolt Dornay was seriously assaulted in the Post Alley area in downtown Seattle. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$ 1000.00 for any additional info that leads to the filing of charges for the person(s) responsible for this serious assault. Remember.... All Calls Are Confidential. Please call today.

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This is the official press release issued by the Seattle Police Officers' Guild on September 1, 2006 to all media outlets in the Seattle area.

The Seattle Police Officers' Guild has received from the King County Prosecutor's Office a seven page summary of the Post Alley Investigation involving Officer Zsolt Dornay. The summary answers one very important question but it also raises other concerns that need to be addressed.

The summary clearly details and establishes that Officer Zsolt Dornay was brutally beaten in Post Alley a few minutes after midnight on June 24, 2006. The summary details that "Officer Dornay's injuries were consistent with someone being repeatedly punched and kicked with significant force." The summary details that Officer Dornay was in fear of his life and was "JUSTIFIED IN DISCHARGING HIS WEAPON" and that "Officer Dornay used only as much force as was necessary to fend off his assailants." As the prosecutor's summary reveals, Officer Dornay was clearly THE VICTIM in this brutal assault.

The summary states that "there is insufficient evidence to identify who was responsible." The Seattle Police Officers' Guild is very disturbed by this conclusion. Although we have not been provided a copy of the actual investigative file, we have discussed this matter with those who have reviewed the file. We are concerned that the summary failed to include the witness testimony of several independent witnesses who reported that "the lawyer" or the "guy in the suit" was right on top of Officer Dornay punching and kicking him. We are also concerned that this summary was released before all the crime lab evidence analysis was completed. This evidence analysis could be crucial to this investigation. The Seattle Police Officers' Guild believes that there is currently enough evidence and witness information to justify the filing of criminal charges. We are asking that the King County Prosecutor's Office reconsider this decision or allow an independent prosecutor or special inquiry judge to review the investigative file.

Representatives from the prosecutor's office have assured us that this investigation is by no means closed and if additional information or evidence in this case materializes, the prosecutor's office will examine that information and revisit the decision reached in the summary.

The community cannot tolerate this type of violence against anyone and especially against a law enforcement officer. Those responsible must be brought to justice! The Seattle Police Officers' Guild is hereby urging anyone who may have information about this case to come forward. Citizens should report their information to the Seattle Police Homicide Unit at 206-684-5550.

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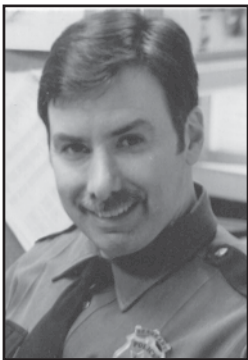
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President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



There are many issues to discuss this month but none more important than the handling of Officer Zsolt Dornay's incident. By now we are all aware that Officer Dornay was brutally attacked in Post Alley within minutes of getting off-shift on June 24th. One of those involved in the incident was a local attorney. Our Chief made the decision to remove the investigation from SPD homicide and give it to Kent PD. SPOG issued press releases expressing our frustration and disagreement with this decision. In September, the King County Prosecutor's Office made the public announcement that they are unable to file charges against anyone in the alley that evening. They concluded clearly that Officer Dornay was the victim of a brutal attack and that he was justified in defending himself by firing his handgun at his assailants. The prosecutor claimed that there was just not enough evidence to prove who the "assailants" were. After meeting with the attorneys at the prosecutor's office I was told that if information were to surface, they would certainly re-visit their decision. The SPOG Board of Director's then voted unanimously to take out ads in the local papers requesting the help of anyone who may have information that could lead to prosecution. King County Crime Stoppers even issued a poster and a \$1,000 reward. So many questions need to be addressed and to this date have not been. First, other than the fact that an attorney was involved, why was the investigation taken away from SPD Homicide? If an off-duty officer shot a bartender or a plumber would we do the same? Why is it OK for the King County Prosecutor to decide the question of filing charges when one of those involved is an attorney who practices criminal law in King County? Why were King County Prosecutors present during the interviews by Kent PD? Does a prosecutor always sit in on police interviews? Why didn't Kent PD file a recommendation with this case? I've been told that detectives always file a certificate of probable cause with any case and that the prosecutor reviews it and then can deny the case or accept it. Why not in this case? If this case is still open and all we need is more information, why is the case not being assigned to a follow-up detective? Kent PD is finished and has returned the file to our department, but our department refuses to give it back to SPD homicide. The last I heard the file was being kept in the office of one of our assistant chiefs. Does the command staff want the person responsible for attacking one of their officers brought to justice? If the answer is yes, then assign the case back to homicide, just like any unsolved assault. How come we have not heard any public comments from our command staff supporting Officer Dornay and urging the prosecutor to reconsider their decision? Do they know the positive affect it would have on morale if the officers saw their Chief hold a press conference and publicly support the officer and call for justice in this case? How about posting one of our ad posters on the department web site, asking the public for help? Why hasn't the *Seattle Times* or *PI* asked some of these questions? Isn't there an investigative reporter who would like a break from the normal "bash the police assignments?" I wish I knew the answers to these questions. I do know one thing, however. This incident will not be forgotten. Those who made this decision will be held responsible for it. This decision has damaged the relationship between our detectives and the King County Prosecutor's Office and no amount of "transfers" are going to repair that damage. As for the Chief and our command staff who advise him, this is another lost opportunity to support the rank and file and "do the right thing."

Speaking of transfers. The department has decided to move a very popular and well-liked Lieutenant out of homicide, along with the most experienced homicide sergeant. On the heels of the Dornay matter, is this just a coincidence? Is the message being sent that if you don't go along with our misguided decisions, we will come after you? The department is sticking to the "movement is good" mantra, but overlooks any specific bona fide reason for choosing this particular sergeant. Other than termination or demotion, there is nothing the department can do to a member that affects them more than an involuntary transfer. Knowing that an involuntary transfer creates stress for those involved as well as discontent amongst the ranks, why does the department choose to go down this road? I have also tried to convince the Chief and the command staff to please stop equating transferring SPOG members with transferring deputy and assistant chiefs. It is laughable and shows how out of touch they can be. When a Chief is transferred there is no pay reduction, change of hours or even a change of parking spaces. They merely assume responsibilities for a different part of the department. Basically, a different stack of papers to sign. When a SPOG member is involuntarily transferred it often involves a loss of pay, transportation and shift hours. So how can they compare the two with a straight face? I do have a suggestion which will make the comparison more reasonable. Since Deputy and Assistant Chief positions are appointed, they do not involve the civil service. Many of our assistant and deputy chiefs have held their positions for several years. In the interest of "creating movement" why doesn't the Chief reassign the current deputy and assistant chiefs to the rank of Captain and promote a new group who will bring "fresh new ideas" to their new position. This way the current command staff will know what it is like to experience a transfer which involves a pay cut and change in shift hours and work location. At least then their comparison wouldn't evoke rolled eyes and laughter from the ranks. This issue is very important and it has the potential to affect each and every SPOG member, regardless of your assignment. SPOG will fight this issue to the finish on behalf of this sergeant and all those SPOG members who will come after him. Stay tuned.

Onto a lighter subject.....I recently attended my very first Retired Officer's Banquet. It was a great time and I urge all of you who have never gone, to plan on going next year. The meal catered by Susan Magan was outstanding, as usual, and the atmosphere was relaxed and fun. I was able to reconnect with many former supervisors and squad mates. Sharing old memories and stories brought out many laughs. I noticed how retired officers have a perspective that is so healthy. They look back on the profession with a different view. They realize that what are truly important are the relationships they built while they were here. All of the other stuff about the job drifts away, but what remains is the friendships and the memories. We can learn a lot from our retired officers. The benefits we currently enjoy came as a result of their hard work. Many of the issues we are dealing with on the job, they had to face also. History does repeat itself. A lot of insight can be gained from the "old war stories." So, never pass up the opportunity to share a cup of coffee with one of our retired officers. The wisdom you gain can be valuable. Until next month, remember to always support each other!



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By The Guardian Staff

This Vice President's Message originally appeared in the June 1979 Guardian and was written by then Guild Vice President Doug Dills.

An open letter to the Mayor, the City Council, and the citizens of Seattle.

Dear folks,

We can't protect you anymore. I am going to tell you how this has come to be and what the situation is now. It is the plain, unvarnished truth.

For the past ten years we've stood by silently as the basic services of the city were cut back in order to finance new social programs. No one seemed willing to do the things necessary to keep things in balance. It is apparently unthinkable to raise taxes to pay for the new programs and it seems equally unthinkable to cut back on the programs that seem to appeal to vocal special interest groups.

Many of the programs are laudable and serve real needs but many others are less worthy and appear calculated to gain political support. As the crunch increased the public safety administrators were told to apply more efficient management methods. The assumption was apparently that they hadn't been doing just that. The assumption was in error.

As the crunch hit, the city hired more planners and administrators. Their prime function appeared to be replacing the knowledgeable judgment of the professional administrators in the various city branches with the judgment of the people whose prime virtue lay in their ability to ignore the laws of cause and effect as well as a dedication to the enlargement of the

social programs at the expense of the basic services of police, fire and health. Decisions were made based on the recommendation of these staff planners...planners who hold college degrees in various disciplines but who were charged with making decisions outside their field of expertise. The assumption apparently being that the mere possession of a college degree or two somehow grants expertise in every other field of human endeavor. Those administrators within the law enforcement community who spoke out against the erosion of the ability of the police force to protect the city had their professional competence questioned and were silenced by threats to replace them with more acquiescent administrators.

Perhaps the problem was put most succinctly by Judith Hjerstedt of the Daystar Herald when she said the disease of intellectual snobbery has transformed sincere, contemplative people into bigoted know-it-alls who feel somehow smarter, wiser and intrinsically superior to the general public.

As the planners and politicians implemented their new priorities they refused to stem the continuing loss of manpower. A few were hired but never soon enough or in enough numbers to replace those lost to injuries, retirement or simple disgust with the job. Division commanders have watched helplessly as virtually every unit in the department was reduced and they were forced to rob Peter to pay Paul just to handle the most pressing of cases. Street commanders have watched in frustration as patrol ranks were thinned to supply the bare manpower to other essential units and their ability to field patrol units was drastically impaired. The harassed and harried patrol officers watched as

their numbers grew fewer and fewer and they were constantly asked to expend greater and greater efforts and accept ever increasing hazards.

Rape, murder, robbery, assaults, burglary and thefts are all on the rise. The repeal of the curfew law permits hundreds of runaway 12 to 18 year olds to congregate on our streets selling themselves and dealing in drugs and forming street gangs.

Ballard, Rainier Valley, Georgetown, Broadway, and the East Central residents demand increased police action against street crime, gambling houses and open prostitution. The house-boat owners call for increased police response as they become a favorite target of criminals. Merchants demand increased beat patrols in an effort to cope with the brazen assaults on their employees and the theft of goods by individuals and groups who dare them to interfere.

The criteria for obtaining police service has become the group who yells the loudest at the moment. When Alki explodes we strip Rainier Valley, East Central and the North end. Our capability as a crime prevention entity has become nil. We are reduced to stamping out the hot spots at any given moment and praying all the while that another one doesn't erupt.

Your officers have been selected from the cream of the applicants and passed batteries of psychological and intelligence examinations. Over 60% have college training, most were taught at the finest law enforcement academy in the state. They are highly motivated individuals and have a dedication to performing their profession to the very best of their ability. These people now find themselves between a rock and a hard place. They are forced to rush from one call to another, to cut short investigations to answer the pleadings of radio—to respond to another, important call. They are forced to ignore suspicious circumstances and allow potential trouble or criminal activity to go unchallenged. They are forced to delay their arrival at violent scenes until there are officers in sufficient numbers to control the violence without getting themselves killed or injured. Of the fact that they have taken chances with their personal safety in order to answer calls for help there can be no doubt. They have been rewarded by assaults against them which increased from 99 in 1970 to 1,028 in 1978, while their manpower dropped 33%.

We can't protect you anymore from your refusal to provide the basic levels of manpower needed to safeguard our city. In this the "most livable of cities" we aren't sure we can do more than protect ourselves.

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By Clark Elster (SPD Retired)



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Happy Anniversary

The Guardian Staff is pleased to announce the milestones achieved by the following SPOGS members during the month of October!



25 Years of Service

Sergeant Larry Nygard, Traffic
Sergeant Barb Wilson, Field Training
Officer Pat Chang, Southwest Precinct
Officer Carl Matsumoto, South Precinct

20 Years of Service

Detective Bobby Sevaaetasi, Gang Unit
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10 Years of Service

Detective Frank Trainor, Domestic Violence
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Officer Carl Anderson, South Precinct
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Officer Michael Renner, Southwest Precinct
Officer Charles Stewart, South Precinct
Officer Adam Elias, North Precinct

Food For Thought

By Officer Thomas McLaughlin, Board Position #2

A fellow officer brought to my attention the other day a very interesting and informational conflict between a Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) and department policy.

For those of you that have ever cited anyone for SMC 11.59.060 Refusal to Stop, you may want to reevaluate that choice. There is a definite conflict between the SMC and SPD policy on vehicle pursuits. Add that to what the city prosecutor would require to actually charge the traffic crime AND you would have to incriminate yourself for violating department policy.

SPD vehicle pursuit policy states, "...a pursuits exists when an officer initiates a vehicle stop and the driver resists the order to stop, increases speed and/or takes evasive actions, and/or refuses to stop. Once the driver refuses to obey the officer's order, this policy and procedure takes effect." So, even if it continues at slow safe speeds and obeys the traffic laws you are in a vehicle pursuit. Unless there are known circumstances per policy you must terminate the pursuit once it begins. There is no discrimination about speeds or traffic conditions as the policy states, "Pursuits for traffic violations, misdemeanors, gross

misdemeanors and most property crimes, alone are to be avoided; the infraction or criminal act will not, by itself, constitute justification for a pursuit, barring extraordinary circumstances."

There are two ways I can think of that the crime of refusal to stop can be enforced. The first would be if you had solid information the driver is DUI/or in some fashion impaired and an absolute danger to others, thus the circumstance for continuing a low speed pursuit would be in place. The other would be if you attempted to stop a vehicle and the driver refused to stop and you follow policy and terminated, and later encountered the driver whereas you could I.D. the person and write a major and request charges. Of course here is the rub; the prosecutor would never file because you had to turn off your emergency equipment far too soon to meet the filing standards for refusal to stop.

Can any of you think of a better way to get out of a traffic ticket? The things that make you go "HUM!" The question is do you want to set yourself up for sustained policy violation? This may not be the intention of the vehicle pursuit policy, but until something changes I would advise extreme caution.

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Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

This month’s Officers of the Month are **Officers Ernie Hall, Steve Clark, Bridget Hillan and Clark Hagemann** of the North Precinct, as nominated by Sergeant Ariel Vela for their response to an armed robbery incident.

On August 10th, 2006 two suspects robbed a woman at gunpoint after following her home from a store. While enroute, Officers Hall and Clark saw a possible suspect, and when they attempted contact, the suspect ran. A foot pursuit ensued and numerous units from SPD and other agencies responded. During the foot pursuit, the suspect ran into a nursing home, broke into one of the units and smashed out a window to escape. Officers Hall and Clark chased the suspect over fences, and through yards, sustaining injuries, but continuing to pursue the suspect. Containment was established and eventually Officers Hillan and Hagemann captured the suspect hiding in a tree. Sergeant Vela notes in his nomination that, “[These] Officers did an exceptional job at this incident and, without a doubt, are a credit to the Seattle Police Department. It is an honor, privilege and pleasure to work with such a group of fine officers.”

Also nominated:
· **Officer Steven Rice** of the West Precinct was nominated by Sergeant Mark Hazard for his dogged pursuit of one of the “Top Ten” auto thieves in Seattle. Officer Rice noticed a similar M.O. and volunteered to handle all stolen vehicle and recovery reports in David sector. Over several months, Officer Rice lifted numerous latent prints and determined that one of the “Top Ten” was dumping cars in David sector. Officer Rice contacted the suspect’s mother, trying to get her to turn in her son, and also the suspect himself. The suspect made it clear he would not give up. On August 8, 2006, Officer Rice realized that he had not done any recoveries in a while, and determined that the suspect was in the King County Jail for unrelated charges from another agency. Officer Rice completed a superform and statement of probable cause, which resulted in seven counts of Auto Theft. The suspect was denied bail on all counts. Sergeant Hazard noted, “because of Officer Rice’s exhaustive determination, one of the City’s most prolific auto thieves is behind bars.”

Both cases are worthy candidates, but in a close vote, the North Precinct guys won by one vote. These are a great example of both the teamwork and individual effort our officers exhibit every day.

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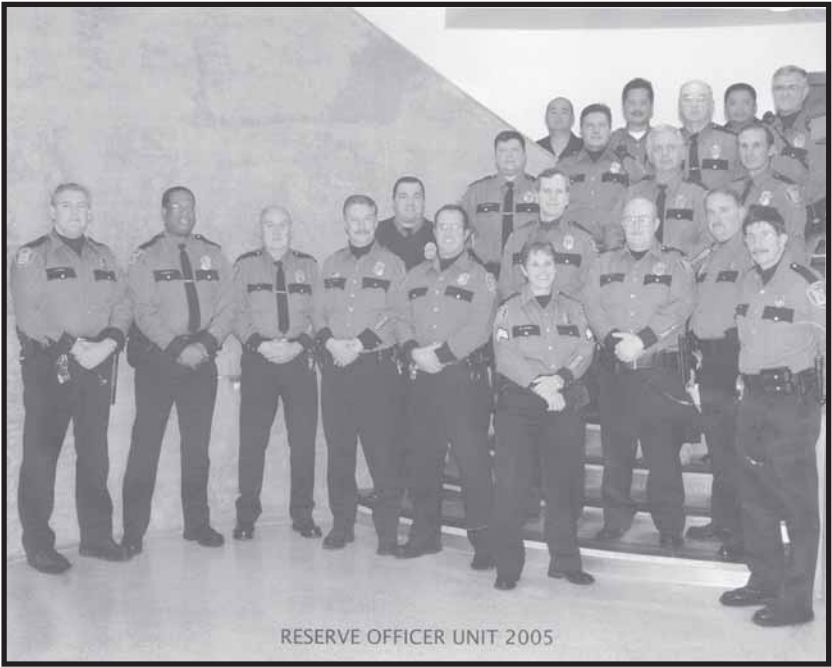
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#R076, What Serial Number is That?

By Chuck Lenfesty, SPD Reserve #R076



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Why? Manpower shortage during the War years
How? Recruited by the same framework as regular officers and trained by a state recognized Reserve Officer Academy and finally assigned to a FTO program prior to precinct deployment.
Unit Strength: Chartered for 58 but down to 18 with no academies for the last 9 years.

Many regular officers of today were once reserve officers and moved on to full time employment. What a great recruiting tool and a win-win for the City and department!

We have applied to the Seattle Police Foundation for a grant for funds to bring us back to chartered strength of 58 Officers and even suggested that they get the City to match funds. Our unit’s relationship with the Guild seems to be good or at least we are tolerated. The danger of a Reserve Program can be when the City Council decides to use it for manpower in lieu of hiring full time officers. We can assure you that as a unit we would never let that happen. I can speak for all of us, as I have been around since 1975.

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Process

By Officer Eric Michl, Traffic

With all this talk about how short we are and the need for more officers, we are overlooking another element in all of this. The process we have to work with. It has something to do with why Joselito’s killer slipped through the cracks too.

By the way, I noticed in the paper that Ms. Rivas family used the ever popular “just getting his / her life on track” when this terrible incident occurred. How about getting your life on track before you drive a motor vehicle, own a gun, rob a store or drive off with a cop hanging out the window trying to keep from being arrested for an outstanding felony warrant.

Process. Even in the early days of my career I can remember what takes hours to accomplish today took a fraction of the time back then. There was a time when we cleared domestic disturbances that are filed as felonies today, with no paper and no arrest. No cooperative victim, no crime, no arrest, no report. That was it. A simple DUI was the front and back of the AIR, a ticket for DUI and one for the infraction. It took an average of two hours to complete a DUI arrest, investigation, and report. There are officers still around who used to do these in 45 minutes.

Now, a DV requires a major, DV supplemental, victim statement, suspect statement, photographs, and if you are lucky enough to arrest the suspect, a Superform with PC affidavit. At a minimum, one of my DUI’s takes me an average of 3 1/2 hours for an 11 to 13 plus page report. And that is if everything goes right. I haven’t made a VUCSA arrest lately but if I did, I’d need help to figure what to stamp on what piece

of paper and who gets copies, field-testing evidence, etc. In the early 80’s a VUCSA was a major and statement, booking sheet, and crime lab request.

When I explain all this to the general public, jaws drop when they find out how much work and time goes into what they term “simple arrests.”

Look at our new pre-book at the jail. 20 years ago, pre-book was on the 6th floor for misdemeanor males and all females with separate booking desks for each. Once you brought your prisoner in, they were searched and then placed in a holding pen until the booking officer called their name. If they could walk, talk, and sign their name, they were accepted. We were out the door in minutes. Now the nurse screens every prisoner before they are booked. If they are referred to the hospital, you have to sit on them there until medically cleared for jail. More time off the street absent from your district.

It’s not just a shortage of officers, it’s the burdensome and complicated process involved in doing our jobs also. It is far more time consuming then it was back in the day of smaller beats, more two man cars, and less crime. Perhaps if those in power were made more aware of this, then the need for more of us would be clearer to them.

Had our system been more efficient, Ms. Rivas might have been in jail on her DUI warrant, instead of out to caper again.

OPA is Broken

By Officer Bruce “Uncle B” Wind

My dander was raised by the arrival of the much anticipated Officer Survey, what has become known as the ‘Licata Survey’. Apparently I now owe some debt of gratitude to Seattle councilman Nick Licata. I don’t think so. Before I continue I want to know if anybody else noted this on the front page of the questionnaire;

“This study has been reviewed and approved by the Washington State University Institutional Review Board for **human subject** participation”

I don’t get it, who was meant to take the survey? Did the simians at Woodland Park not want to participate?

The Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) system is broke. The system has been designed over the years by the politicians who have succumbed to the disgruntled few, not the vast majority of citizens who are proud of their police department.

Please don’t misconstrue what I say; I certainly know that there is a need to insure that police misconduct is investigated. The citizens have a right to a professional department. However in this city we have taken police misconduct to a new low. Swearing at somebody, being rude, or putting handcuffs on too tight is **not police misconduct**. The level of perceived police misconduct was captured in August, 1999 in a David Horsey cartoon; two ladies are sitting around a coffee shop. One lady is Seattle and her companion is New York City. New York City is reading a Seattle newspaper with headlines, ‘NY Cops Sodomize Suspect’. Miss New York City says to Miss Seattle, “Lemme get this straight, sister...You’ve got one cop who stole some money and then put it back and you call that a police scandal?!” (If you are interested see

<http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/horsey/ewbytopic.asp?topic=Local%20news&id=94>).

The current OPA system is a waste of critical resources. When I go to work and see my squad consists of 3-4 officers and I know I must go face the citizens after their long, long wait times to see an officer, it angers me to think of the money spent on OPA. Director’s and Assistant Director’s salaries, administrative staff, and the Sergeants’, Lieutenant’s and Captain’s salaries could equate to a few more cops being hired and actually the citizens getting what they pay taxes for. Actually getting a timely response from their police department.

The officiousness of investigations is all wrong. I have 30+ years on the department and entering the OPA office gives me a feeling of uneasiness. It shouldn’t be that way. I’m not saying that everybody should sit down and have a drink, but civility should be the order of the day. It is hard to be sitting across the desk from an acquaintance Sergeant one day and on the golf course with that same Sergeant the next day.

It distresses me greatly to think where my fellow officers are headed. Are civilian investigations just around the corner? Maybe we can ‘farm-out’ our internal investigations to a neighboring agency to avoid the appearance of favoritism. Hell, now I’m just talking crazy. That would never happen.

I will be gone very shortly. I’ve done my time. So, fellow officers, you better stand up as one now or spend your time being investigated rather than being the investigators. The OPA is not only broken but it has managed to be one of the primary causes of a broken police department.

P.S. I sent these same comments with my survey and I signed my name.

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Welcome New Officers



July Graduates

Gabriel Conrad, Joel Gingrey, and Scott Hatzenbuehler



August Graduates

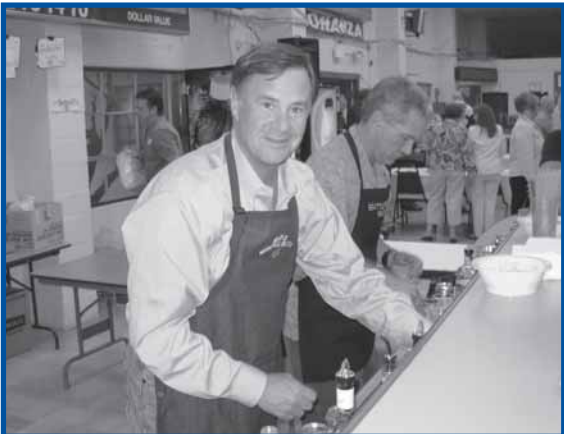
Shannon Burt, Rodney Korn, Jenifer Morris, Erin Smith, and David Sullivan

63rd Annual Retired Officers Banquet

Photos by Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



Randi Hicklin, Assistant Chief Harry Bailey and Retired Officer Jerry Hicklin



Officer John Bernasconi and Officer Walt Hayden volunteering



Retired Sergeant John Guich, Retired Assistant Chief Ed Joiner and Sergeant Denny McCoy



Detective Dave Duty, Sergeant Roger Dixon, and Officer T.J. Havenar



Lowest Serial Numbers and Highest Retired Serial Numbers receive recognition



A full house enjoying the evening



Past Guild President Dick Rovig and Retired Officer Bill O'Brien discussing old times.



Lowest Serial Number in attendance, #370 Maurice Carlson called to the podium by Officer Tom Pike



Lowest Serial Numbered Retirees

Homeland Security

By Officer Mike Severance, Board Position #5

Our staffing took another hit in August. Since January 2005 the Department has hired 119 new officers. There have been 90 separations in the same time period. The net staffing change over the last twenty months is +29 which is down from a high of +42 last February.

I want to congratulate all the SPD employees who are going to receive special employee recognition and awards. They are too many in number for me to mention all of them, but I want to single out Officers Marshall Harner and Scott McGlashan whom I have known for many, many years. If any newer officers want someone to emulate in this profession, both these officers are superb role models and well deserving of special recognition.

An officer position advertised in a recent SPD Bulletin caught my eye. It was for an assignment in the CBRNE Support Unit. I read through the desired qualifications until I got to “Ability to deal with persons of rank”. That did it for me. Some higher ups on this department just can’t get along with me, and I do not know why. But one of the position’s duties did intrigue me. The officer chosen must be able to operate the CBRNE Communications and

Support Vehicle. In police jargon, that would be the CBRNECSV, or BFRV for Big Fancy RV.

I know the City and SPD have gotten a lot of federal money for Homeland Security. I suspect this vehicle was purchased with some (probably a whole lot) of that money. And I am sure it is probably a very nice vehicle with air conditioning, a CD/DVD player, high tech communications, and probably a state of the art air filtration system to protect the occupants from radiation. And I am certain it could house many high ranking officers and serve a very useful purpose if and when it is needed. But the very existence of this vehicle brought something to mind. Most of us worker bees still have the latest gas mask issued to us. The Advantage 1000 gas mask is not NIOSH/CBRN certified for radiation related incidents. It is a gas mask which is NIOSH/CBA-RCA certified. That means it is certified for Chemical/Biological Agents and Riot Control Agents. Unless I misunderstood my training at Street Skills, we are being trained to enter “hot zones” wearing these masks. I was told at my Street Skills class last May that we would be receiving new respirators which are NIOSH/CBRN

certified. I am still waiting for mine. I just have to ask. Why were these new respirators for us, the ones who must accomplish the mission, not a higher priority than a BFRV for the brass?

I feel the need to tell the brass something my father, a retired Marine Corps officer, told me a very long time ago. Don’t forget your roots. No matter how high one may rise in rank, your rank and your position are meaningless without the troops who must accomplish the mission. It has been a long standing tradition in the U.S. Marine Corps that enlisted men eat first, before the officers. This is just one way in which Marine Corps officers show their respect for the troops and affirm the fact that, without the troops, they and their positions are of little importance.

Since I live in Seattle and am a Seattle taxpayer, I received a supplement in my Sunday newspaper recently. It was a “Report to the Community” from SPD. It was gratifying to read that Seattle is one of the safest big cities in the United States. But one crime figure jumped out at me. Auto Thefts are down 27% compared to the first six months of last year. But Auto Theft calls to 911 rank #5 in the top ten types of calls which 911 receives. I know some

pilot programs have had great success, but down 27%? Wow! We deserve a pat on the back. It is a big relief to know that our Auto Theft epidemic is over. If someone would just tell the National Insurance Crime Bureau that we do not belong on their top ten list for most Auto Thefts in the United States, I would feel much better.

Stay tuned until next month when I will try to separate facts from myths regarding that entity known as the OPA Review Board.

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Retired News

By Mike Germann

New Retirements

No new LEOFF I retirements to report this month but there is one new LEOFF II retirement to publish:

LEOFF II retirement:

Cynthia O. (Ostolaza) Tallman, #4194, Seattle Detective Sergeant, retired for service on September 30, 2006, with 27 years & 4 months LEOFF II service.

Detective Sergeant Cynthia Tallman joined the Seattle Police Department in February 1979. Cindy worked as patrol officer in the West Precinct and the North Precinct. Cindy would like to acknowledge and thank her partners during this time, George Sorenson, Lee Lamb and Ken Davis. In 1984 she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. She was initially assigned to Internal Investigations, then as an Aide to Assistant Chief Dave Grayson, and in 1987 she returned to the North Precinct, third watch Union Sector. In 1988 she moved over to the North Precinct Anti-Crime Team. She says she had the most fun in her career working out of the North Precinct.

In 1991 Cindy transferred to the Commercial Security Section and had the honor to work under and learn from Assistant Chief Pat Lamphere. In 1993 Cindy was transferred to the Robbery Unit and in 1994 she was moved to the Homicide and Assault Unit. There, she thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the assignment and she quickly came to appreciate the high quality of the detectives assigned to that work and the tremendous personal sacrifices they, and their families, must make for that assignment. She would like to thank Ila Birkland and Shannon Sharp for all they do to keep the Homicide and Assault Unit moving.

In 2004 Cindy moved to the Internet Crimes Against Children Section. This was the hardest job she ever had at SPD. The investigation of predators that use the Internet to abuse children is difficult but important work that is highly underrated. She would like to thank Captain Greg Ayco for the opportunity to work in ICAC. Special thanks to Tim Luckie for all his efforts to get her up to technical speed on the use of various computer programs.

In her retirement, Cindy plans to train and compete with her Labrador retrievers in AKC Hunting and Field events. She also plans to continue her annual fishing trips to Alaska, and travel with Dick, her twenty-five-year long suffering spouse and 9th U.S. Circuit Court Judge. His work in securing beneficiary benefits for Rennie Davis, following Ken’s death, was absolutely incredible. Cindy hopes to keep in contact with the many friends she has made over the years at SPD. Our best to you, both.

63rd Annual Retired Seattle Police Officers’ Banquet

A turn-out of over 400 retired and active Seattle Police Officers and their guests gathered at the Seattle Police Athletic Association Pavilion to celebrate the 63rd Annual Retired Officers’ Banquet on Wednesday evening, September 13, 2006. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST TURNOUTS IN RECENT YEARS.

Twenty new retirees from the Seattle Police Department since last year’s banquet were honored.

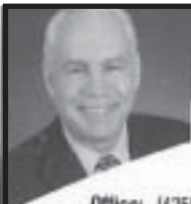
The deaths of 32 retirees and one active line-of-duty death, Officer Joselito Barker, were memorialized for the attendees.

The five oldest retirees and five youngest retirees were called out of the audience for special recognition. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by John Patrick Sullivan acting on behalf of Al and Nancy Kretchmar. Al Kretchmar passed away in Yakima, Washington on April 10, 2006 at 84 years of age. A couple of weeks prior to the banquet, Nancy Kretchmar sent a check to the Police Pension Office’s John Sullivan asking that the memoriam in Al & Nancy’s name be used for the betterment of our retired Seattle Police

members. THE AMOUNT WAS A STAGGERING \$25,000 (CASH). Those in attendance were awed by this generous gesture. The Retired Officers’ Association Board of Directors will decide in the near future how best to use these unexpected funds to the benefit of all of its members.

Needless to say, the Retired Seattle Police Officers’ Association membership is extremely grateful to the Kretchmars for their generous memoriam following Al’s death.

This year’s banquet went much more smoothly than recent past years because the buffet line was open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and those attending ate when they felt like it, not all at once. This new feature was well received and will become permanent. Thanks to Dick Rovig for coming up with this approach.



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I am a licensed clinical psychologist (state license #2433). I have been working with public safety employees since 1975. I was the in-house Seattle Police Clinical Psychologist from 1982--2000. I am now in private practice in the Minor&James Medical Building and still consult with SPD on a variety of issues. I also consult with a number of public safety agencies on local, state, regional,

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Allen, Harold C.	10/25	Marx, Hans S.	10/11
Arndt, Agnes K. (Bill)	10/08	McCloud, Paul D.	10/19
Avery Robert M. “Bob”	10/28	McLachlin, Richard W. “Dick”	10/09
Bagley, Cynthia (Marvin)	10/24	McLaughlin, Marlynn M.	10/23
Baker, Kenneth D. “Ken”	10/21	Monta, Howard A. “The Good”	10/10
Beem, Jerry W.	10/12	Moore, Jon E.	10/09
Bey, David W. “Dave”	10/04	Moyes, Clarence L.	10/08
Blackwood, John S.	10/29	Mullen, Loretta Russell (Everett)	10/11
Bodvin, Lawrence P. “Larry”	10/12	O’Mahony, Michael J. “Mike”	10/19
Bringham, Dennis A.	10/10	Pankey, Gary D.	10/02
Broyles, Michael A. “Mike”	10/17	Parke, Barbara L. (James)	10/09
Burns, Robert J. “Bob”	10/01	Patrick, Michael E. “Mike”	10/19
Caldwell, Jeff G.	10/09	Pellegrini, Stephen P. “Steve”	10/15
Cameron, Donald R. “Don”	10/26	Price, Donna (Howard)	10/24
Chytil, John L.	10/03	Raymond, Wilbert P. “Will”	10/22
Cruse, Philip T. “Phil”	10/03	Reinbolt, Carl V.	10/22
Davis, Philip M. “Phil”	10/31	Reith, Richard D. “Dick”	10/23
Dolan, William E. “Bill”	10/21	Roesler, Frances L. “Frank”	10/07
Dorman, Wayne H.	10/10	Rowley, Calvin “Cal”	10/08
Dornay, Peter G. “Pete”	10/09	Rutherford, Idell G. (William)	10/18
Drain, Dale W.	10/23	Slessman, H. Michael “Mike”	10/14
Fiedler, Marian T. (George)	10/16	Smith, Bruce L.	10/06
Fox, John J.	10/09	Sorenson, Neal H.	10/03
Halverson, Philip H. “Phil”	10/01	Sprinkle, Richard S.	10/19
Hamlot, John M.	10/16	St. George, Gerald W. “Jerry”	10/13
Hanson, James A. “Jim”	10/27	Stanford, David J. “Dave”	10/15
Hartzell, Janet L. (Harold)	10/08	Starkweather, Kenneth “Ken”	10/24
Hebert, William E. “Bill”	10/07	Steiner, Richard J. “Dick”	10/26
Holder, Larry E.	10/22	Stevenson, Helen (Sidney)	10/08
Houston, Donald E. “Don”	10/05	Street, James F. “Jim”	10/24
Johnson, Dorothy V.	10/15	Sutton, Larry F.	10/06
Johnson, F. James “Jim”	10/06	Swanson, Kenneth M. “Ken”	10/06
Johnson, Raymond T. “Ray T.”	10/24	Tellefson, Glenn R.	10/27
Jorve, Gerald B. “Jerry”	10/18	Trapp, Flora C. (Donald)	10/12
Karban, William H. “Bill”	10/22	Vandenwyer, Hubert A. “Bud”	10/23
Kochrian, Samuel H. “Sam”	10/18	Vane, Norma (Robert)	10/29
Kriney, John W. “Jack”	10/28	Wabschall, Gerald “Jerry”	10/10
Leaf, Doris I. (Carl)	10/19	Wilburn, Douglas “Doug”	10/21
Levin, Erling G.	10/09	Wilson, Terry L.	10/05
Libby, Leon O. “Lee”	10/20	Wright, Patrick H. “Pat”	10/29
Lorenzo, Michael J. “Mike”	10/25	Zimmisky, Dennis “Denny”	10/13
MacPherson, Rebecca A. (William)	10/14	Ziskin, David “Dave”	10/08
Mairs, Frances C. (John)	10/28		

Last Ring

Charles O. Vinup, #1125, retired Seattle Police Patrol Officer and long time downtown beat man passed away in Port Angeles on August 25, 2006. He was 84 years of age upon his death.

Chuck Vinup was born on November 18, 1921. He was appointed a “Patrolman” of the Seattle Police Department on May 22, 1950. Chuck Vinup was a downtown beat man for many years and was also assigned to the Seattle Center Detail prior to his retirement. Officer Vinup vested (retired) from police service on February 14, 1972 after serving for 22 years.

Chuck Vinup is survived by his wife of 54 years, Billy Anne, 5 children, 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Theodore C. Jacoby, #3959, retired Assistant Chief of Police, passed away on Labor Day, September 4, 2006, after a valiant battle with cancer. He had been retired for one month and 8 days. Assistant Chief Jacoby served with distinction and honor during his career as a Seattle Police Officer, as well as military service in the United States Army. He received Air Medals and a Purple Heart for his heroic service as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Army Reserve. A/C Jacoby served in a variety of units in the Seattle Police Department from the North and South Precincts, to the Bomb Squad and Communications to finally serving as Assistant Chief in the Emergency Preparedness Bureau. He will be deeply missed by his SPD family. A/C Ted Jacoby’s family expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support shown their family by SPD. He is survived by his wife, Pat, his mother Margaret, three brothers, five sisters, as well as many nephews and nieces.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mark Catholic Church in North City on September 13, 200. A reception followed at the church hall. Many of those in attendance wore their uniforms. The number of mourners was huge.

Donations are suggested to St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Mark Catholic Church, 18033 15th Place NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.

Carolyn Stiers Zito, #6082, Formerly of Hollywood, Florida and Seattle, Washington passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 16, 2006. She was 44 years old. Carol was the devoted mother of Claire, the beloved wife of Bill and loving daughter of Mrs. Grace Stiers and the late Earl. Carol is also survived by 1 brother, Christopher Stiers, 1 sister, Mimi Phroegner and their families. Along with her family, Carol leaves behind a loving circle of friends. Carol was a decorated police officer from both Hollywood, Florida and Seattle, Washington. After retiring, she returned with her husband, Bill to his hometown of Harrison, New York, where she had since worked for the Resurrection School in Rye, New York.

An education fund has been established for Carolyn’s daughter: Claire J. Zito Education Fund, c/o Sun Credit Union, 4205 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Fla. 33021.

Lastly, special condolences are in order for:

Brier Police Officer Edwanton A. “Eddie” Thomas’ passed away in the line-of-duty on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at age 28. Services were held at Westgate Chapel on September 20, 2006 before a huge crowd of mourners. The owners of “Brier Pizza and Family Restaurant” are commended for opening that establishment on a day normally closed and donating the day’s proceeds to Officer Eddie Thomas’ family for last expenses. It was a rare thing, indeed, and shows how much the Brier community thought of this officer.

May they all rest in peace.

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Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith, B/T West



To say that I am outraged at the decision of the King County Prosecutor's Office NOT to bring criminal charges against the thugs who beat Zsolt Dornay in the Pike Place Market alley on June 24th would be an understatement. This decision borders on a violation of Zsolt's civil right of equal protection under the law. Would the same decision have been made if the victim were not a police officer and say, an attorney? Would the same decisions be made if the suspect were a red blooded, flag-waving good o'l boy from the sticks? Are the glaring facts being ignored to protect a fellow officer of the court, most likely a close crony of some of the higher-ups at the Prosecutor's Office? Where is the media outrage about the obvious circling of the wagons by these attorneys to cover the butt of one of their own colleagues, when they have been quick to accuse law enforcement officers of closing ranks and protecting their own in the past?

Did the political aspirations of someone within the Prosecutor's Office who one day wants to succeed their boss as King County Prosecutor contribute to this botched investigation? Do you think they could win an election without the support of the trial lawyer lobby? Was this case transferred from the highly qualified and professional Seattle Police Homicide Unit to a small town police department, so they could be controlled by the Prosecutor's Office, and the desired outcome could be achieved? The things that make you go hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.

From the time the case was yanked from our Homicide Unit, to the time the Kent PD Sergeant had a chance to "re-interview" the witnesses, the attorney and investigators for the accused had ample time to get to them and "interview" them. According to published documents, "the investigators looked at the actions of all the participants and did not label any one person either a victim or a suspect." You have got to be kidding me, how in the hell does a "detective" conduct a criminal investigation without identifying a suspect or victim? Maybe I have the wrong idea of what my job is!

According to my sources, there is overwhelming evidence to charge any Tom, Dick or Harry with Assault 2nd Degree, a Class B felony, but for some strange reason those charges remain unfiled. Go figure! The policies of this Prosecutor's Office have long been soft on crime against police officers, with filing standards much more restrictive than the provisions of the chapters within RCW 9A.36. If they cannot bring themselves to charge this attorney and his female companion with the role in the brutal attack on Zsolt, then maybe another entity like the Washington State Attorney General's Office should have a crack at it.

To add insult to serious injury, someone within this department released information to the media about Zsolt's non-sustained IIS beefs, which have been used to smear his good name in local newspapers, all the while there has been silence at headquarters on this outrageous situation, with no vociferous proclamation demanding that the thugs who put the boots to one of their officers be brought to swift justice! I can only imagine the laudatory public praise about Zsolt's exemplary service had the outcome of the brutal attack been tragically different. What the heck is going on here?

On September 6th, your Guild took the unprecedented step in placing ads in several newspapers asking for witnesses to come forward with the further information about the attack, which the Prosecutor's Office claims it needs before filing charges. Since the department and the Prosecutor's Office are not interested in fighting for the rights of it's own officer and law-abiding citizen, your GUILD had to step up and do the right thing. President Rich O'Neill has shown tremendous leadership in this fight, as he has in many instances since taking office. You can be proud to be a member of SPOG, and know that your rights, though trampled on by many, will be protected and battled for by your Guild.

In addition to the newspaper ad, flyers were distributed throughout the Pike Place Market area by the SPOG staff. All businesses, with the exception of Kell's Irish Pub were cooperative in placing the flyers in their windows. Kell's is the same watering hole that the attorney was leaving prior to attacking Zsolt, and where he acquired his .18 BAC. He must be a regular on the bar stool, thus their non-cooperative attitude. I know many of you frequent Kell's for a pop or two, but I am asking you to boycott the place. Clearly they are not sympathetic to, nor do they support law enforcement. I will be happy to provide you a list a places to swill a beer, sip some Jack or grab a bite where the proprietor's support and value law enforcement!

Until next month, sit back and enjoy some football! Watch your backs and protect your rights! Feel free to contact me with your comments at spogguardian@yahoo.com. "Justice delayed, is justice denied."- William Gladstone.

Calendar of Events

- Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office
Wednesday, October 4th at 1300 hours
- Seattle Police Officers' Guild general membership meeting at the SPOG Office
Wednesday, October 25th at 2000 hours
- Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, October 29th
- Halloween
Tuesday, October 31st

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